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§15–509.

(a) On the basis of the approved monthly reports of coal produced submitted under § 15–508 of this subtitle, the Department shall assess a 15 cent mine reclamation surcharge for each ton of coal removed by the open–pit or strip method.

(b) Of the amount assessed under subsection (a) of this section:

(1) An amount equal to 9 cents for each ton of coal produced for the month shall be deposited to the credit of the Bituminous Coal Open–Pit Mining Reclamation Fund and shall be administered in accordance with §§ 15–515, 15–516, and 15–517 of this subtitle; and

(2) An amount equal to 6 cents for each ton of coal produced for the month shall be remitted to the fiscal authority of the county in which the coal was removed.

(c) The provisions of subsection (b)(2) of this section may not apply for a month when the provisions of § 15–517(b) or (e) of this subtitle apply.

(d) On the basis of the approved monthly reports of coal produced that are submitted under § 15–508 of this subtitle, the Department shall assess a 2 cent bond supplement reserve surcharge for each ton of coal removed by the open–pit or strip method, which amount shall be deposited to the credit of the Bituminous Coal Open–Pit Mining Reclamation Fund and administered in accordance with §§ 15–515, 15–516 and 15–517 of this subtitle.

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